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SUBJECT: FSLN ATTACK: UPDATE

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1. THE BAND OF FSLN WHICH TOOK THE NATIONAL PALACE
YESTERDAY CONTINUES TO HOLD AT LEAST 40 GON OFFICIALS AND
CONGRESSMEN. THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) CONTINUES TO SURROUND
THE PALACE WITH ALL COMMAND DECISIONS BEING MADE BY
PRESIDENT SOMOZA.

2. PRESS REPORTS NOW INDICATE THAT 4 PERSONS WERE KILLED
IN THE INITIAL ATTACK AND AT LEAST 15 WERE WOUNDED. AP-
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PARENTLY, DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF YESTERDAY
MANY OF THE LOW-LEVEL EMPLOYEES FROM THE PALACE WERE PER-
MITTED TO LEAVE THIS BUILDING.

3. THE GON HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THE DEMANDS
MADE BY THE FSLN AND THE GON RESPONSE WERE GIVEN. THE DEMANDS
WERE MADE THROUGH ARCHBISHOP OBANDO Y BRAVO AND

BISHOPS OF LEON AND GRANADA.

FSLN DEMANDS ARE THE FOLLOWING: (A)

AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD BY THE GN IN NICARAGUA; (B) PLANES TO FLY THE RELEASED PRISONERS TO MEXICO, VENEZUELA, PANAMA; (C) ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE CARRIED IN LA PRENSA, NOVEDADES, EL CENTROAMERICANO (LEON) AND PLAYED THREE TIMES DAILY ON ALL RADIO STATIONS AND ON TELEVISION OF FSLN "WAR COMMUNIQUE."

(D) THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GN TO A DISTANCE OF 300 YARDS FROM THE PALACE; (E) THE COMPLIANCE BY THE GON WITH ALL DEMANDS MADE BY STRIKING HOSPITAL WORKERS; (F) \$10 MILLION TO BE PAID TO ORGANIZATIONS IN NICARAGUA, PANAMA, VENEZUELA, MEXICO, CUBA AND COSTA RICA--WITH \$1 MILLION TO BE PAID TO "COOPERTIVE RIGOBERTO LOPEZ PEREZ" (FSLN FACTION) IN NICARAGUA; (G) SAFE CONDUCT FOR THE FSLN MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK AND HOSTAGES TO JOIN RELEASED PRISONERS FLYING TO PANAMA.

4. THE GON RESPONDED THAT PRIOR TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS, ALL DEAD AND WOUNDED AND ALL WOMEN MUST BE RELEASED. THE GON STATED ITS DESIRE TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION BUT DEMANDED 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS CITING THE FACT THAT COMPLIANCE WITH SOME OF THE DEMANDS WAS NOT FULLY WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE GON.

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